

discharge (discharging bait and fish offal) when seabirds are present, or blue-dyed bait, both of which are normally required north of 23° N.

On December 8, 2020, NMFS published a notice of HLA's EFP application and request for public comments (85 FR 78997); we did not receive any comments. More information about the EFP may be found in that notice, and in HLA's application (see **ADDRESSES**).

The EFP is effective for one year, unless revoked, suspended, or modified earlier.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 2, 2021.

Jennifer M. Wallace,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA847]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; availability of draft Environmental Assessment for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public comment on a summer steelhead hatchery program and trap and haul program in the Skykomish River Basin, Washington. A Hatchery and Genetics Management Plan (HGMP) was submitted to NMFS for review and determination under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 4(d) Rule. The trap and haul program would be permitted under section 10 of the ESA.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on March 8, 2021. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Written responses should be addressed to the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is:

Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the email

comment the following identifier: Comments on the EA for the Skykomish River summer steelhead hatchery and/or Sunset Falls trap and haul program. The documents are available on the internet at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/skykomish-summer-steelhead-hatchery-program-and-sunset-falls-trap-and-haul-program>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emi Melton at (503) 736-4739 or by email at *emi.melton@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): Threatened, naturally and artificially propagated

Background

The Tulalip Tribes and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (collectively the co-managers) have submitted an HGMP to NMFS pursuant to limit six of the ESA 4(d) Rule for a summer steelhead hatchery program in the Skykomish River Basin, Washington.

The hatchery program is intended to contribute to fulfilling federal tribal trust responsibilities and treaty rights guaranteed through treaties and affirmed in *U.S. v. Washington* (1974). It is also designed to contribute to the survival and recovery of Puget Sound steelhead and produce summer steelhead for sustainable fisheries.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife also submitted an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit application for operation of a trap and haul program in the Skykomish River Basin. This program collects various species of salmon, steelhead, and trout from the fish ladder at Sunset Falls and transports the fish upstream for release into high quality habitat above the falls.

Authority

16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*; Section 222.303 also issued under 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*

Dated: February 1, 2021.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA851]

Marine Mammals; File No. 25462

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that America Films, Ltd., Embassy House, Queens Avenue, Bristol, BS8 1SB, United Kingdom, (Responsible Party: Tom Stephens), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography on gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: These documents are available upon written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Please include File No. 25462 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Jordan Rutland, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film migrating gray whales in California waters for an episode of a television series celebrating the wildlife of North America. Filmmakers may target up to 204 whales in April 2021 for filming topside from the vessel and from an unmanned aircraft system. Up to 68 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), 68 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardii*), 210 short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), 210 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), and 210 Pacific white-side dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*) could be incidentally harassed during filming. The project is scheduled for broadcast globally in 2022 on the